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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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## Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 2 under the title, insert the following paragraph:

## --PRIORITY CLAIM

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This is a § 371 national stage of PCT/US00/23736, filed August 20, 2000, which was published in English under PCT Article 21(2), which in turn claims the benefit of U.S.

Provisional Application No: 60/151,580, filed August 30, 1999.--

Please amend the claims as follows.

Please cancel claims 34, 44 and 45.

35. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the sample nucleic acid is attached to a substrate.